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SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS

29 September 1950

March 1949, that PARSONS had been cleared for access to Secret and Top Secret contracts.

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of the FBI contained no derogatory information identifiable with PARSONS and confidential informants of the Bureau familiar with Communist Party activities in the Los Angeles area in the 1940's have no information regarding Subject.

b. On 26 September 1950, information was received from [REDACTED] of the Plant Protection Office, Hughes Aircraft, Culver City, California, that PARSONS had been dismissed that date for removing secret information from the plant. [REDACTED] stated that he had received information from a representative of North American Aviation, Inc., Los Angeles, who informed [REDACTED] that he had been contacted by a [REDACTED] address unknown at this time. [REDACTED] is reported to have told the North American representative that [REDACTED] PARSONS and that he had asked her to type some copies of documents for him. PARSONS was interviewed by [REDACTED] and admitted taking the documents for copying, which were of a highly classified nature. According to [REDACTED] PARSONS was going to transmit the copies to [REDACTED] who is believed to reside in North Hollywood, California, and to be a business consultant. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] of a publication known as "Technion" sponsored by a group of "Scientific Theorists". According to [REDACTED] is also a representative of the Israeli Government. The Los Angeles Office of the FBI and the Security Inspector in Charge, Los Angeles Plants Unit, Air Materiel Command, were immediately notified.

c. 18th District OSI was advised by the Los Angeles Office of the FBI, on 27 September 1950, that PARSONS was interviewed on that date and had admitted taking the classified material from Hughes Aircraft, from which he had been discharged. The FBI further advised that Subject was co-operative and that no charge had been placed against him at that time. The Bureau will inform this office of further developments and will furnish a copy of their report, when available.

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3. ACTION: The Security Inspector in Charge, Los Angeles Plants Unit, Air Materiel Command, was notified on 27 September 1950.

NEWTON O'NEILL
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Assistant Attorney General James B. McDermott
Director, FBI CLASS IV SPECIALIST

February 3, 1951

Reference is made to your memorandum of January 18, 1951, entitled "John Whiteside Parsons, Wa., Espionage - II," your reference DAK:CEM:vb.

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Reference is made to your memorandum of January 18, 1951
entitled "John Whiteside Parsons, Wa., Espionage - 13," your
reference JAW:CHW:vb.

Because of the fact that John Whiteside Parsons, during a recent interview, advised he was employed from 1938 to 1944 by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology, and from 1941 to 1946 by the Aerojet Engineering Company, it appears that [REDACTED] Professor Theodore von Karman who introduced Parsons to [REDACTED] is affiliated with [REDACTED] University.

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b7C [REDACTED] This Bureau has no information indicating that the cases of Parsons are related other than that information which has been previously furnished you and that which is herein set out.

[REDACTED]
There is furnished for your additional information the results of a review of the files of this Bureau concerning the name [REDACTED]

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FILE NO. 65-5131

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 1/20/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/3, 8, 9/51	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] STC BAJ
④ JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka Jack Parsons		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - IS	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, advises present active classification of reports in possession of subject at termination of employment Hughes Aircraft as follows: 3 confidential, 1 restricted, 3 unclassified. Jet Laboratory advises possibility exists all reports could be downgraded to unclassified by Air Forces.

DETAILS:

b7D [REDACTED] Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, advised by letter December 29, 1950 that the classification of the seven reports of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in the possession of PARSONS at the termination of his employment at Hughes Aircraft are, in the present active sense, as follows:

1. Unclassified

Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1,
Progress Report No. 13 for the AAF MATERIAL CENTER AIR-
CRAFT LABORATORY: IGNITION STUDIES ON RESTRICTED BURNING
SOLID PROPELLANT JET MOTORS, W. E. Johnson, Copy No. 21,
classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology,
December 28, 1943.

- 2. Confidential**

Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research Project, GALCIT Project
No. 1, Operating Manual No. 1: OPERATING MANUAL FOR THE

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SOLID PROPELLANT JET UNIT NO. 208, Copy No. 24, Classified
CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, November
1, 1942.

3. Unclassified

Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1,
Progress Report No. 15 for the AAF MATERIAL CENTER, AIRCRAFT
LABORATORY: SOME PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF VACUUM MIXED
ASPHALT-BASE SOLID PROPELLANTS, E. W. Hough, J. Green, and
B. H. Sage, Copy No. 25, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California
Institute of Technology, March 25, 1944.

4. Restricted

Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1,
Report No. 15; THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ASPHALT BASE SOLID-
PROPELLANT, J. W. Parsons, M. M. Mills, Copy No. 33, classi-
fied CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, Oct-
ober 16, 1942.

5. Unclassified

Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1,
Progress Report No. 12 for the AAF MATERIEL CENTER, AIRCRAFT
LABORATORY: PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MANUFACTURING
FACILITIES FOR PERCHLORATE CHEMICALS, Joseph C. Schumacher,
Chief Engineer, Western Electrochemical Co., Copy No. 22,
classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology,
November 15, 1943.

6. Confidential

Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1,
Report No. 9: RESULTS OF FLIGHT TESTS OF THE ERCOUPE AIR-
PLANT WITH AUXILIARY JET PROPULSION SUPPLIED BY SOLID
PROPELLANT JET UNITS, F. J. Malina and J. W. Parsons, Copy
No. 42, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of
Technology, September 2, 1941.

7. Confidential

Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1,
Test Report No. 1: REPORT ON THE TESTS OF THE AEROJET
XAS-1000 TYPE JET UNITS, M. M. Mills and W. E. Johnson,
Copy No. 16, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute
of Technology, July 20, 1943.

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b7D It is noted that these classifications are different, in some cases, than those previously furnished by [redacted]

b7D [redacted] advised that in reviewing these reports, it is the considered opinion of the Laboratory that all this material could be downgraded to unclassified. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory has no authority to downgrade these documents, however, this authority being vested only in the U. S. Air Forces inasmuch as the research which led to their publication was sponsored by the Air Forces. [redacted] stated that Items 3, 4, 5 and 6 above were, according to their records, delivered to the Aerojet Engineering Corporation for specific use of engineers at that agency. It has been previously reported that PARSONS was formerly employed by Aerojet.

Mr. H. M. CLARK, Air Provost Marshal's Office, Los Angeles Air Force Field Procurement Office, 155 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised on January 9, 1951 that a review of the reports in question by the Air Forces would have to be made by the office of the Air Provost Marshal, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

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For the information of the Cincinnati Office, Hughes Aircraft revealed on December 15, 1950 that subject was in possession of the above listed seven reports from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the time of his termination of employment at Hughes. These documents were turned over to the Los Angeles Office on December 18, 1950.

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CINCINNATI OFFICE:

At Dayton, Ohio: Will, through the Air Provost Marshal's Office, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, ascertain if the present classification of the seven reports of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, in question as furnished by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory are correct and the name of the individual who can testify as to their classification.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

At Los Angeles, California: Will take such further prosecutive action as is directed by the Bureau.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted]
at Los Angeles.

dated January 3, 1951

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FBI, Los Angeles

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JAMES WELDE PARSONS, et al
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January 19, 1951

For your information the facts in this case were presented to the Criminal Division of the Department on December 20, 1950, for an opinion as to whether or not there has been a violation of any Federal Statute, and no further prosecution is warranted.

You will be advised of the Department's decision in this matter.

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Assistant Attorney General James N. McInerney, January 10, 1951
Director, FBI

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JOHN REEDSIDE FARMING
aka Jack Parsons
EMPLOYEE - R

Reference is made to my memorandum to you
dated December 20, 1950 requesting an opinion regarding
prosecution.

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There is enclosed for your assistance one
copy of the report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
Los Angeles, California, dated January 3, 1951.

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January 10, 1951

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles
SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, wa.
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DATE: January 27, 1951

67C Being forwarded under separate cover by registered mail are photographic copies of documents described in report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 2, 1950, at Los Angeles. It is noted that a number of these photos had been initialed by the subject and it is accordingly requested that these photos be returned to the Los Angeles office after they have served their purpose at the Bureau in order that they might be retained.

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TITLE <i>JOHN WHITELIDE PARSONS, aka Jack Parsons</i>	CHARACTER OF CASE <i>ESPIONAGE - IS</i>		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Security Classification Section, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, advises Jet Propulsion reports declassified October, 1945.

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DETAILS:

AT DAYTON, OHIO

Mr. W. J. GATES, Security Classification Section, Security Policy Division, Intelligence Department, Building 263-B, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, advised that the reports relating to Jet Propulsion were prepared in connection with Air Material Command project MX-121 which was instituted in 1941.

In October, 1945, this entire project was declassified and as a result all reports prepared and written in connection with the project were declassified at this time.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated
January 20, 1951, at Los Angeles.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont
FROM : C. E. Hennrich
SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, wa.
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DATE: January 27, 1951

PURPOSE

To have Liaison deliver reports in captioned matter to OSI and secure answers to two questions propounded by the Criminal Division.

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DETAILS

As you will recall, the subject has admitted in a signed statement removal of 17 documents without authority from the Hughes Aircraft Company, Los Angeles, California, where he was formerly employed. Parsons stated he planned to use the data in preparing proposals for building an explosives plant in Israel and also for research work on rockets and other armaments in Israel. Parsons intended to turn the documents over to [REDACTED] through whom he hoped to obtain employment as a research worker in Israel.

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Copies of reports have been prepared for dissemination to OSI by the Liaison Section.

This matter has been presented to the Department for an opinion and the Department has now advised that it appears there is a violation of Section 793 and possibly Section 794 of Title 18, U. S. Code, but that before a decision is rendered as to whether prosecution is warranted the Department requested we ascertain the following:

1. An expression of opinion from the appropriate source in the Department of the Air Force as to whether the documents involved "relate to the national defense."

2. Is there any objection on the part of the Department of the Air Force to having the documents in question introduced in evidence in the event of prosecution?

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that our Liaison Section deliver copies of reports to OSI and secure answers to the above questions.

2-1-51. OSI checking.

2-22-51. OSI advised that Research & Development Board stated this contract under Army. Mr. Regnase, Army liaison is checking with Army.

E.S.S.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 3/2/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/27; 2/1, 2, 6-9, 13-17/51.	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <i>b7c</i>		
TITLE JOHN HOPPSIDE PARSONS, aka Jack Parsons	CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - IS				
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>C-20 DR B-2 OSZ 4-19, 26/2/51, 26/2/51</i> DET. 110: The subject's birth at Los Angeles, California, was verified February 15, 1951. The record of this birth is contained in Book 102, Page 4-19 of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, City of Los Angeles. <i>b7c</i>	Subject's birth at Los Angeles verified. Signed statement furnished by PARSONS to Hughes Aircraft Company, September 26, 1950 set forth. - P -				
A signed statement furnished to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of Hughes Aircraft Company on September 26, 1950 is as follows:				<i>1cc to ORI SL-10 CIA T-4 R-1 12-21-51 memorandum</i>	
"JOHN W. PARSONS Payroll # 71523 Employed by Hughes Aircraft Co May 2, 1949 Dept 04 - Propellant Section				"12:00 Noon 26 September 1950	
<i>b7c</i> "I JOHN W. PARSONS, make the following requested signed statement to [REDACTED] Staff Assistant, Security Department, Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, knowing first, that I do not have to make this statement and that any statement I make can and will be used against me in the event I am ever held for trial and that no threats nor promises have been used in any manner, causing me to make this statement.					
<i>b7c</i> "My name is JOHN W. PARSONS. I presently reside at 1700 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, California. I was employed by H.A.C. 5/3/49 and my present capacity is that of Group Leader in Charge of Propellants, Propulsion and Launching Group of the Research and Development Laboratories. In October of 1948, I entered into negotiations in regard to a position in Israel. In this period I submitted a proposal of suggested activities which included the construction of Explosive Plants and the development and manufacture of rockets and other armaments which could be done with the approval of the United States. These negotiations continued for sometime and in June of 1950 I was requested to submit a breakdown of detailed costs of the equipment and processes which I had proposed. In July and August, I prepared					
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I revising proposal. In September I worked for H.A.C. on a proposed Rocket Propellant Loading Plant. The proposal included detailed cost breakdowns of the type which I required in my proposal to Israel. On about the 15th of September, I approached a [REDACTED] of Palos Verdes, California, with the request that she type up a rough draft of the material which I had collected in order that I could organize this in the form of a signed cost proposal. I selected [REDACTED] and had this typed by her since I had known her and her husband for a period of over five (5) years. I knew that both the end her husband had been cleared to work on classified projects after an extensive investigation and that clearance for her husband was current.

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Among the materials from which I asked her to type extracts there was included a rough draft of a portion of a Propellant Loading proposal at H.A.C. which had been marked "Confidential". The rough draft of the material from which I intended to prepare my proposal was partially typed [REDACTED] in the period of September 16 to September 23, 1960. I understand that on September 25, this material was picked up by the F.B.I. and the matter was referred to H.A.C. It was not in any way my intention to transmit any portion of the material which had been classified to Israel or to any other unauthorized person. It was my intention to select only the cost of equipment and process from the material to include in my proposal. It was further my intention before proceeding, to submit details of the proposal to check with the State Department both in regard to the possibility of getting a passport and the advisability of proceeding with any proposed activities. I had selected [REDACTED] to do the typing since I knew that she and her cleared in the past, that she was a highly responsible and loyal person and there was no possibility of any leak thru her or her husband, an unauthorized person. I feel that any action in allowing classified material which was the property of H.A.C. to come into the hands of a person, who however responsible, was not directly authorized to receive this material, was a serious error in judgment. It is my understanding that I received this aforementioned Confidential material in violation of H.A.C. rules. I did not remove them with the expressed or implied permission of any person in H.C. My removal of this document was not known to any person in H.A.C. nor to any other person with the exception of myself. To my knowledge, [REDACTED] has no knowledge that Confidential material was being used in any unusual manner.

"I received no renumeration or promise of renumeration for removing this material, nor was I induced or requested to do so by any other person. I have no membership in any organization which is in any way interested or concerned in this matter or which advised or induced me to act in the manner aforesaid. I wish to emphasize again that I had no intent of violating any law or of transmitting any classified information or Company property to any unauthorized person."

"To the best of my knowledge, I do not now have in my possession, any classified material belonging to the Hughes Aircraft Company, nor any other classified material of any sort. If I should find any such classified material among my possessions, I will immediately return same to H.A.C.

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"I have read the above statement consisting of two (2) pages and checked the statement therein and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. No threats nor promises have been made to cause me to initial the preceding pages nor to sign this statement."

"*s/* JOHN L. PERSONS
JOHN W. PERSONS

"WITNESS:

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/s/ [REDACTED]

Los Angeles, Calif.

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/2/ [REDACTED]

Topanga, Calif.

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b7D [REDACTED]
advised as follows:

b7C They stated that the PERSONS are an odd and unusual pair in that they do not live by the commonly accepted code of married life and are both very fascinated by anything unusual or morbid such as voodooism, cults, homosexuality, and religious practices that are "different." Subject seems very much in love with his wife but she is not at all affectionate and does not appear to return his affection.

b7D She is the dominating personality of the two and controls the activities and thinking of subject to a very considerable degree. It is the opinion [REDACTED] if subject were to have been in any way willfully involved in any activities of an intentional espionage nature, it would probably have been on the instigation of his wife.

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The check of records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, previously mentioned, was made on February 15, 1951 by Special Employee [REDACTED]

The Registrar of Voters of Los Angeles County, checked February 15, 1951 by the writer, revealed no record of subject or subject's wife.

For the information of the New York and Washington Field Offices, the subject in September, 1950, removed certain classified material from Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, his place of employment, for the purpose of using material from these documents in preparing a cost proposal on jet propulsion motors. He planned to submit this proposal with an application for employment through the American Technion Society for employment in the country of Israel. On termination of employment at Hughes Aircraft Company, subject was found to have in his possession certain classified material of the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory, California Institute of Technology. The facts of this case were presented to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice on December 20, 1950, and are presently under consideration.

For the assistance of the Washington Field Office, the following known information concerning MARJORIE ELIZABETH CERMAN PER CMS is set forth:

Age	About 30 to 32 years.
Height	5'5"
Weight	126 pounds
Hair	Red
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair with freckles
Born	Davenport, Iowa (?)
Veterans Administration Claim Number	7002299 (?)
Present address	1200 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, California.
Former address	3416 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California. 3212 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City: Will furnish any pertinent information appearing in the files of the New York Office concerning [REDACTED]

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D.C.: Will at the Office of the Director of ZR and E Service, Veterans Administration, review file of MARJORIE CAMERON, C# 700229, to ascertain if this file is for subject's wife. If file is for subject's wife, will ascertain a history of her studies under the "GI Bill" and her Navy serial number.

Will, if MARJORIE CAMERON PARSONS' Navy serial number is ascertained from her VA file, furnish same to the New York Office in order to have a review made of her military service file (U. S. Navy - WAVES) at Garden City, Long Island.

Will check records of Passport Division, Department of State, for information pertaining to MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON PARSONS' having been issued a passport and any background data therefrom.

Will check indices for any information concerning [REDACTED]

SAN DIEGO OFFICE

At Laguna, California: Will verify marriage of MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON and JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, believed to have taken place in 1946 or 1947, noting any background information concerning both parties and will furnish copies of this verification to the Washington Field Office in order to be able to assist in identifying records of subject's wife.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

Will take such further prosecutive action as is directed by the Bureau.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated January 26, 1951 at Los Angeles.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont
FROM : V. O. Keay
SUBJECT: JOHN WHITSLIDE PARSONS, wa.
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DATE: March 9, 1951

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Reference is made to a memorandum to you in the above-captioned matter from Mr. Hennrich dated January 27, 1951, which requested the Liaison Section to deliver reports in the above-captioned matter to OSI and to exhibit at the same time to them evidence in this matter in order to determine (1) an expression of opinion from the appropriate source in the Department of the Air Force as to whether the documents involved "relate to the national defense" and (2) if there is any objection on the part of the Department of the Air Force to having the documents in question introduced in evidence in the event of prosecution.

This matter was discussed with representatives of OSI by Mr. Sanders and they have advised after checking into the matter that the contract in question is under the jurisdiction of the Army. This is to advise that the evidence has been made available to Colonel Paul J. Cramer of 3-2 and he stated that he would attempt to obtain from the Army the answers to the questions propounded.

This matter will be followed with Colonel Cramer as to the developments.

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SD FILE NO. 65-1651

REPORT MADE AT SAN DIEGO, CALIF.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/21/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/15/51	REPORT MADE BY b7c
TITLE JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka	CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - IS		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

*CC: D.R.
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JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS and MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON married San Juan Capistrano, California 10-19-46. PARSONS native of California then a resident of Pasadena. His wife native of Iowa, a painter by occupation, was a resident of ~~Pasadena~~ Pasadena at that time.

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DETAILS: 12-2-51
reco. sacAT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA:

Book 267, page 423, Orange County Recorder's Office reflects that a marriage license was issued to JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, native of California, age thirty-two, white, resident of Pasadena, California and to MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON, native of Iowa, age twenty-four, resident of Pasadena, California. The marriage license was issued October 19, 1946. They were married by MARCO F. FORSTER, Justice of the Peace in the presence of EDWARD POPENHAN and JEANNIE FOREMAN, who were also residents of Pasadena. The vital statistics section of the record reflects that JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS resided at 11003 South Orange Grove, Pasadena, California. He was white, age thirty-two, divorced. This was his second marriage. He was born in California, the son of MARVIL M. PARSONS who was born in Massachusetts and RUTH VIRGINIA WHITESIDE, who was born in Ohio. PARSONS' occupation was given as that of a Chemist.

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MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON of 1002 South Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena, California was white, twenty-four, single. It was her first marriage. She was born in Iowa, the daughter of HILLIE ELIZABETH ~~CAMERON~~ who was born in Illinois and CARRIE V. RIDENOUR who was born in Iowa. She listed her occupation as that of a painter.

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One copy of this report is designated for the Washington Field office and for the New York office for their information in view of pending investigation in each of those offices.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated
March 8, 1951 at Los Angeles. b7c

SAC, LOS ANGELES

March 28, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

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John Whiteside Parsons

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REASON: PRR 11-24-4-2-50
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cc: New York
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cc: 65-59589 (S)

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John Whiteside Parsons, the subject of a separate espionage investigation, has been previously interviewed on several occasions by Bureau Agents, the last interview being on 12/2/50, and he has been found to be very cooperative.

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SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

April 23, 1951

- JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS
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On the basis of the information furnished no information could be located in the Bureau files identifiable with one [REDACTED]

In addition to a search of Bureau indices, examination was also made of French Communist periodicals available to the Bureau but no name was located approximating [REDACTED]

EX-35 In view of the meager information available, the foregoing should not be considered by you as precluding the existence of the individual described in your letter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles
SUBJECT: Communications Industry - R

DATE: 3/10/51

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Reference is made to Los Angeles report dated 3/8/51
by SA [REDACTED]

b7c It is requested Bureau indicate if [REDACTED] to identify [REDACTED] to ascertain if such an individual does in fact exist.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 9, 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS,
AKA, JACK PARSONS
ESPIONAGE - INTERNAL SECURITY

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Rerep Special Agent [REDACTED] at Los Angeles dated March 8, 1951 requesting this office obtain Naval serial number of subject's wife.

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cc: New York

cc: Los Angeles

For information of New York, the subject in September, 1950 removed certain classified material from Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California where he was employed and was found in possession of classified material of Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory, California Institute of Technology upon termination from Hughes Aircraft. The case is presently under consideration by Criminal Division of Justice Department.

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65-5818cc: New York
cc: Los Angeles

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 9, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York
SUBJECT: JOHN WITTELVILLE PARSONS, aka
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Reference is made to report of SA [REDACTED] 3-8-51 at

Los Angeles.

The file of the New York office contains no identifiable derogatory information regarding [REDACTED]

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cc: Los Angeles (65-5231)

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TITLE JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka Jack Parsons		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - IS	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject presently residing 1071 South Orange Grove, Pasadena. Background data regarding subject's wife, as obtained from Veterans

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DETAILS:

On March 16, 1951, subject advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that he has recently moved and is presently residing at 1071 South Orange Grove, Pasadena, telephone SYcamore 9-7816.

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advised subject's wife served in the WAVES during World War II.

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2-2-45 *also done* In this connection, the following investigation has been conducted by the Washington Field Office:

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[REDACTED] previously reported to be a friend of subject's wife, the following sources have been checked revealing no record of this individual:

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Los Angeles County Registrar of voters, March 21, 1951, by SE [REDACTED]

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Los Angeles Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service on March 23, 1951, by SE [REDACTED]
Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office on March 15, 1951, by SE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the New York Office has advised that files of the New York Office contain no identifiable derogatory information regarding these individuals.

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California: Will take such further prosecutive action as is directed by the Bureau.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 3/8/51, at Los Angeles.
Washington Field Office letter to Bureau dated 4/9/51.

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The indices of the Washington Field Office contained no record
of the subject, [his wife] [REDACTED]

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2 photographs and 1 negative of [REDACTED]

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WFO 65-5818

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Los Angeles,
67C dated March 8, 1951
Washington Field Office letter to Director, New York
and Los Angeles dated April 9, 1951

Los Angeles

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Telexlet 5-7-51.

Attached hereto is a copy of a confidential memorandum from the Department dated May 17, 1951, in which the Department advises that this case is being referred to the United States Attorney for the Southern District of California for his opinion relative to prosecution. You will note the Department requests we make available to the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles, California, all information in this case developed through investigation to date in order that he might have the benefit of same in reaching a decision.

You should immediately comply with the Department's request and furnish to the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles copies of all pertinent reports in this case and such other data as he may require to reach a decision. For your information, the Bureau has furnished the Department copies of all investigative reports prepared in this case.

In this connection, your attention is directed to the Bureau memorandum dated May 9, 1951, to the Department, copies of which were furnished you setting forth information received by the Bureau from the Department of the Army as to the security classification of pertinent documents in this case. You should immediately prepare an investigative report, incorporating therein the information received from the Department of the Army and furnish a copy to the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles.

The Bureau is also returning herewith the photographic copies of the 15 documents which were forwarded to the Bureau under date of January 27, 1951. These photographs have been exhibited to the Department of the Army for current security classification, and you have been previously advised of the Army's reply.

You should advise the Bureau promptly of the U. S. Attorney's decision in this matter.

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Attn: [unclear]

Dated: [unclear]

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(Confidential) JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS - ESPIONAGE

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Counter Intelligence Division, Directorate of Special Investigations, The Inspector General

Propulsion Branch, Aircraft Division
Directorate of Research & Development, DCS/D

Mr. Lipnick/rw/53350
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1. A survey of the specific documents mentioned in paragraph 1a, disclosed that decisions on military security classifications rest with the Department of the Army, Office, Chief of Ordnance, since this work at California Institute of Technology was and has been continued under the administrative direction of that Department.

2. It will be difficult to arrive at recommendations regarding military security of the documents cited under paragraph 1b, unless the details could be examined in the complete documents. These details are likewise related to Army Ordnance contracts which the Air Force has requested them to conduct.

3. It is urged that all papers be submitted to a competent technical authority in the Army Ordnance Department (e.g. Mr. James R. Youmans, Rocket Development Branch, Room 2D 370a, The Pentagon, phone Ext. 52033) who could prepare authoritative and final recommendations on present security classifications on all the documents cited.

4. It is desired to emphasize that although some of these documents may be considered "Unclassified" from the military security viewpoint, they may contain certain proprietary information which the U. S. Government is not permitted to disclose to unauthorized persons. Also, there may be questions of U. S. Patent Secrecy agreements involved in one or more process disclosures. Such possible disclosures can be decided also by the Army Ordnance Department to protect the rights of their contractors (i.e. Aerojet Engineering Corporation and Thiokol Corporation).

5. In reply to the inquiry of paragraph 2b, it is recommended that none of these documents classified for reasons of military security or proprietary security, be presented before a civil court if it is necessary that they be made a part of the open records of that court.

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Colonel, U. S. Air Force
Chief, Propulsion Branch
Directorate of Research and Development
Office, Deputy Chief of Staff, Development

ENCLOSURE

From
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
To

February 27, 1951

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Security Group

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am attaching hereto
communications which may be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

ENCLOSURE

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SAC, Los Angeles

May 4, 1951

Director, FBI

JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, wa
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ReBulet 1-19-51, advising you that the facts in this case had been presented to the Criminal Division of the Department for an opinion as to prosecution.

For your information, the Department has advised that the facts indicated a possible violation of Sections 793 and 794 of Title 18, U.S. Code, but before rendering a decision as to whether prosecution would be warranted, the Department requested that steps be taken to ascertain whether the documents involved "relate to the national defense," and whether, in the event of prosecution, the Department of the Army would have any objection to these documents being introduced as evidence.

These questions were submitted to the Department of the Army, and in a confidential memorandum dated April 6, 1951, answers were furnished by Colonel Paul G. Cramer, GSC, Chief, Security Division, G-2, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. A copy of the Army's memorandum is attached hereto for your information.

Also attached for your information is a copy of the Bureau's memorandum to the Department dated May 7, 1951, requesting that the Department advise whether, in view of the above, prosecution in this case is warranted.

When a reply is received from the Department, you will be advised.

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : *Mr. W. E. Parsons*
FROM : *Mr. J. C. Reynolds*
SUBJECT: *Classification of Documents*

DATE: APRIL 16, 1951

Reference is made to my memorandum in the above captioned matter which indicates that an effort had been made to obtain the opinion of the Department of the Air Force regarding the classification as to certain documents, and as to whether or not the documents could be introduced as evidence in the event of prosecution in the above captioned matter. As indicated in the reference memorandum, the representatives of OSI advised Mr. Parsons that this was a question under the jurisdiction of the FBI.

There is attached hereto a memorandum to the attention of Mr. Reynolds entitled, "Classification of Documents," dated April 6, 1951. It encloses a copy of the memorandum prepared for OSI by the Air Force dated February 20, 1951, as well as for the FBI Bureau reports which were loaned to G-2 in this matter, and the thirteen items in question.

The memorandum indicates that Items 1-6, and 9 and 10 are unclassified. Item 7 is classified as "restricted," and Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 are "confidential." The memorandum further indicates that there is no objection to Items 1-7, and 9 and 10 being used as evidence. However, since the information in Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 relates to current confidential research and development, they should not be divulged to unauthorized persons.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this be forwarded to the Reference section for their information.

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Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney May 9, 1951

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to your memorandum in
captioned matter dated January 18, 1951, your reference
JM :CIN:vb, wherein you advised that the facts indicated a
possible violation of Sections 793 and 794, Title 18, U.S.
Code. However, before rendering a decision as to whether
prosecution is warranted, you requested that steps be taken
to determine whether the documents involved in this case
"relate to the national defense" and whether, in the event
of prosecution, the Department of the Army would have any
objection to these documents being introduced as evidence.

As you will recall, the subject admitted that on
September 15, 1950, while he was employed at the Hughes
Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, he removed from
that plant, without authority, a total of 13 documents per-
taining to jet propulsion motors and rocket propellents.
These documents are described by number in the report of SA
[REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, dated November 2,
1950, a copy of which has been previously furnished you.

The questions propounded by you have been referred
to the Department of the Army, and in a confidential
memorandum to this Bureau dated April 6, 1951, answers were
furnished by Colonel Paul G. Cramer, GSC, Chief, Security
Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,
Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. Pertinent portions
of the Army's memorandum are quoted as follows:

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classification of the material in question is as
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and 10 are unclassified.

(b) Item 7 contains information bearing a
military security classification of RESTRICTED.

(c) Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 contain information
bearing a military security classification of
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"The documents referred to in paragraphs 2 b and c above, relate to the national defense. The Department of the Army has no objection to the use of Items 1 through 7, inclusive, and Items 9 and 10 as evidence. The information contained in Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 relates to current CONFIDENTIAL research and development and as such should not be divulged to unauthorized persons."

The numbered items refer to the 13 documents as enumerated and described in the above-mentioned Los Angeles report dated November 2, 1950.

As your records will reflect, since the date of your referenced memorandum, four FBI investigative reports in this matter have been forwarded to you, dated as follows: January 20, 1951, at Los Angeles; February 24, 1951, at Cincinnati; March 8, 1951, at Los Angeles, and March 21, 1951, at San Diego. In addition, there is enclosed herewith one copy of each of the following investigative reports concerning this matter: Report of SA [redacted] Los Angeles, dated April 21, 1951, and report of SA [redacted] Washington, D. C., dated April 26, 1951.

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It is requested that you advise, after reviewing these reports and the above information from the Department of the Army, whether prosecution in this case is warranted.

Attachments

Letter to Director
NY 65-15639

Character Reference:

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES

FILE NO. 65-5131

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 6/9/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/8/51	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c B.A.
TITLE JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka Jack Parsons	CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - IS		
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Col. PAUL G. CRAMER, GSC, Chief, Security Division, G-2, Department of Army, Washington, D.C., advised that of the documents removed by subject from Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, one bears military security classification of Restricted and four bear the military security classification of Confidential. RECEIVED DATE 4/17/51 cc to D/R X-2 (Int) 6-13-51 Docket 1LCZCIS state OSI ON 1 by R/S 12-21-51 P-7418			
DETAILS: On April 9, 1951, Col. PAUL G. CRAMER, GSC, Chief, Security Division, G-2, Department of Army, Washington, D.C., advised by memorandum that the following are the military security classifications of the items listed on Page 5 in the report of SA [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, dated November 2, 1950. These items were left at the home of [REDACTED] Palos Verdes, California, by the subject in September of 1950.			
Items 1 through 6, inclusive, and Items 9 and 10 are unclassified.			
Item 7 contains information bearing a military security classification of Restricted.			
Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 contain information bearing a military security classification of Confidential.			
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In answer to the question that "In event of prosecution would the Department of Army have any objection to these documents being used as evidence?" Col. CRAIER advised as follows. The Department of Army has no objection in the use of Items 1 through 7 inclusive, and Items 9 and 10 as evidence. Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 relate to current confidential research and development in relation to national defense and as such should not be divulged to unauthorized persons.

P E N D I N G

IA 65-5151

LEADS:

LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

At Los Angeles, California: Will keep in contact with the U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, for his prosecutive opinion regarding this case.

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated May 9, 1951
Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated June 1, 1951
Report of SA [redacted] Los Angeles,
dated April 21, 1951.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 7, - 51

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: JACK MINTON PARSONS,
a.k.a. Jack Parsons
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The USA for the Southern District of California in Los Angeles was furnished pertinent reports in this case on June 9, 1951, for his opinion relative to prosecution.

The Los Angeles Office is awaiting this opinion, and this case is being placed in a pending inactive status, UACB.

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FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 11/13/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/25, 31; 11/1/51	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c ik
TITLE JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - IS	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Assistant United States Attorney ANGUS D. McEACHEN, Los Angeles, declined prosecution due to lack of sufficient evidence of intent or reason to believe that information obtained by subject was to be used to injure United States, or to the advantage of another nation. Evidence returned to owners per instructions of the Assistant United States Attorney, Los Angeles.

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DETAILS:

On October 25, 1951, Assistant United States Attorney ANGUS D. McEACHEN, Los Angeles, California, advised that prosecution was declined in this case due to the lack of sufficient evidence of intent or reason to believe that information obtained was to be used to injure the United States or to the advantage of a foreign nation.

Assistant United States Attorney McEACHEN directed that evidence obtained during the investigation should be returned to its proper owners.

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On October 31, 1951, Colonel E. J. KRENZ, United States Air Force Plant Representative, Hughes Aircraft, Culver City, California, was advised by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that the documents in his custody belonging to the Hughes Aircraft Company should be returned to that company, as they were no longer needed as evidence.

[REDACTED] Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, who is now Administrative Assistant in the Research and Development Laboratory, Experimental Fabrication Department, was present when Colonel KRENZ was informed as above stated. [REDACTED] present as representative of the Hughes Aircraft Company, and accepted the Hughes Aircraft documents.

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The documents obtained from [REDACTED] Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, which were turned in to a representative of the Hughes Aircraft Company when the subject left their employment, and which were identified as belonging to the California Institute of Technology, California Jet Laboratory, were returned to that laboratory on November 1, 1951, by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and a receipt was obtained from [REDACTED] Security Officer.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated June 9, 1951,
at Los Angeles
Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated June 1, 1951

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. W. J. Branigan
 FROM : Mr. L. E. Oglesby
 SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka.
 REPLICAGE - IS

DATE: December 14, 1951

PURPOSE:

To recommend that instant case be placed in a closed status.

DETAILS:

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 As you will recall, this investigation was based on information furnished by a representative of Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, who ascertained that subject, an employee of that corporation, had removed certain classified documents pertaining to jet-propulsion motors and rocket propellants from the files of that company without authorization on September 15, 1950. He subsequently turned these documents over to [REDACTED] whose husband was employed by Hughes Aircraft Company, who in turn reported the matter to that company. Subject had asked [REDACTED] to prepare typewritten copies of these documents and, in a signed statement, readily admitted to agents of the Los Angeles Office that he had removed these documents without authority and planned to extract certain information from them as an aid in computing the cost for a proposed factory to be established in Israel for the manufacture of jet-propulsion motors.

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 He was preparing this cost estimate at the suggestion of [REDACTED] the Southern California Chapter of the American Technion Society. This society, according to the October 21, 1948, issue of the H'Nai B'Rith Messenger, is composed of businessmen, technologists and scientists and is the American body designated by the Israeli Government and industry to provide United States technical know-how for the benefit of Israel. Investigation has disclosed that Parsons was interested in securing employment in Israel by reason of his background in pyrotechnics and propellants for jet propulsion.

Of the 13 items removed from the file by Parsons, 8 were found to be unclassified, one carried the security classification of restricted and 4 carried the security classification of confidential.

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G-2 advised that the item classified as restricted and the unclassified items could be used as evidence in a trial, however, the items classified as confidential related to current research and development and, as such, G-2 advised that they should not be divulged to unauthorized persons. This information was presented to the Department in memorandum dated May 9, 1951, with a request that the Department advise whether prosecution in this case was warranted. The Department by memorandum dated May 17, 1951, advised the case was being referred to the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles and requested that pertinent reports be submitted to him.

Assistant United States Attorney Amous D. McEachon, Los Angeles, California, advised that office that he declined prosecution due to lack of sufficient evidence of intent or reason to believe that the information obtained by subject was to be used to injure the United States or to the advantage of a foreign nation. McEachon directed that the evidence obtained during the investigation should be returned to its proper owners.

A review of the Bureau indices fails to reveal any new information concerning subject since the institution of this investigation.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that the U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of California has declined prosecution, it is recommended this investigation be closed.

Pertinent information has been disseminated to Records Administrative Branch, State Department, CIA, OSI, and G-2, ONI.



INSTITUTIONS OF ABD
WASHINGTON D.C.

MEMO

9 January 1952

Dear Mr. Parsons:

Reference is made to the decision of the Industrial Employment Review Board 7 March 1949, in which you were granted access to military information and/or material classified up to and including Top Secret.

In view of derogatory matter contained in investigative reports submitted by the Department of the Air Force under date of 30 October 1951, the Industrial Employment Review Board, in accordance with the provisions of its Charter, Criteria and Procedures, copies of which are inclosed herewith, has reconsidered your case on its own motion.

The Board has decided as of 7 January 1952 to revoke the clearance granted you through Top Secret on 7 March 1949, and to withdraw access by you to Department of Defense classified information and/or material.

The grounds for withdrawal of clearance are as follows:

That you do not possess the integrity, discretion and responsibility essential to the security of classified military information in that it has been reported that on or about 19 September 1950 you knowingly and willfully and without proper authority removed and applied to your own use and benefit documents and papers containing classified military information, from Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, your place of employment, property of the said Company, and that you delivered this classified material to persons not duly authorized to receive it.

The foregoing and all the evidence in the case file, when considered with the duties and responsibilities of any position in which you may be engaged with Department of Defense classified contract work, indicate that you might voluntarily or involuntarily act against the security interest of the United States and constitute a danger to the national security.

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Sincerely yours,

J. THOMAS MASON
Chairman
Industrial Employment Review Board

Mr. John Whiteside Parsons
1200 Sepulveda
Redondo Beach, California.

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Director, Industrial Security Clearance
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SAC, Los Angeles

February 7, 1952

Director, FBI (65-59589)

JOHN WHITFISIDE PARSONS, wa.
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Enclosed herewith for your information is a photostatic copy of a letter from the Munitions Board to subject dated January 9, 1952, which is self-explanatory.

Enclosure

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Assistant Attorney General
James J. McInerney

February 7, 1952

Director, FBI

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Attached hereto for your information is a photostatic copy of a letter from the Industrial Employment Review Board of the Department of Defense, dated January 9, 1952, addressed to subject, which is self-explanatory.

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